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# THE LAWS

## OF THE

### AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

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#### CHAPTER I.

##### OF THE MEMBERS, AND MANNER OF THEIR ELECTION.

SECTION 1. The election of members shall be by ballot, and shall form part of the stated business of the meetings on the third Fridays of February, May, October and December.

2. A member may, at any meeting, nominate in writing a candidate for membership, and the nomination so made may, in like manner, be concurred in by other members. The board of officers and council may also nominate candidates for membership; and such nominations shall be certified to the Society by minute thereof in writing, attested by the clerk of said board.

3. No person shall be balloted for, unless his nomination, with the names of the members proposing him, or the minute of the board of officers and council, made as aforesaid, shall have been publicly read to the Society at the two stated meetings preceding that at which the balloting takes place. Nor shall any person be deemed duly chosen unless three-fourths of the votes given shall be in his favor.

4. Before entering upon an election for members, one of the secretaries shall read the names of the several candidates; and any member may then, for the information of the Society, speak to their character and qualifications for membership.

5. The names of the candidates and their places of abode shall be designated on the ballots, and the names of the officers shall be called in the order of their seniority by the acting secretary, the members thereafter depositing their ballots. The name of a candidate struck from a ballot or not voted for shall be considered as a vote adverse to that candidate.

6. After all the other business of the meeting shall have been disposed of, the ballot box shall be opened by the secretaries, or in their absence by two tellers, to be appointed by the presiding member, who shall then declare to the Society the result of the poll.

7. The members are mutually pledged not to mention out of the Society the name of any candidate proposed, nor of any withdrawn or unsuccessful candidate; and the papers containing the names of the unsuccessful candidates shall be destroyed immediately after the election.

8. Every member, upon his introduction into the Society, shall be presented to the presiding officer, and shall subscribe the laws.

9. Such members as reside within ten miles of the hall of the Society, and such other members as desire to vote at the meetings and elections, shall pay an admission fee of ten dollars, and annually thereafter, on the first Friday of January, a contribution of five dollars. The payment of fifty dollars at one time, by a member not in arrears, shall exempt him from all future annual payments.

10. Members-elect, residing within ten miles of the hall, shall lose the right of membership unless they subscribe the laws and pay their admission fee within one year after their election. Any member liable to an annual contribution, who shall neglect or refuse to pay the same for the term of two years, shall be notified by the treasurer in writing, on or before the second Friday in January after such default, that his rights as a member are suspended; and, in case the said arrears, together with the contribution due on the first Friday in January after such notice, shall not be paid to the treasurer on or before the said last-named day, the membership of such

defaulting member shall be forfeited, his name stricken from the roll, and reported to the Society by the treasurer.

11. On the Society being informed of the death of a member, the fact shall be entered on the records, and a member may be appointed to prepare an obituary notice of the deceased.

12. The obituary notices of members shall be read to the Society, and they shall be bound together whenever they are sufficiently numerous to form a volume.

## CHAPTER II.

### OF THE OFFICERS, AND MANNER OF THEIR ELECTION.

SECTION 1. The officers shall be a patron, a president, three vice-presidents, four secretaries, three curators, a treasurer, and twelve councilors.

2. The governor of the State of Pennsylvania shall be, ex-officio, the patron of the Society.

3. On the first Friday of January in every year, between the hours of two and five in the afternoon, as many of the members as shall have paid up their arrears due to the Society, and shall declare their willingness to conform to the laws, regulations, and ordinances of the Society, then duly in force, by subscribing the same, and who shall attend in the hall, or place of meeting of the Society, within the time aforesaid, shall choose by ballot, one president, three vice-presidents, four secretaries, three curators and one treasurer; and at the same time and place, the members, met and qualified as aforesaid, shall in like manner choose four members for the council, to hold their offices for three years.

4. No person residing within the United States shall be capable of being president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, or member of the council, or of electing to any of the said offices, who is not capable of electing and being elected to civil offices within the State in which he resides. Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be considered as intended

to exclude any of the officers or councilors, whose time shall be expired, from being reëlected, according to the pleasure of the Society.

5. No one shall be esteemed a qualified voter at the election, who has not subscribed the laws and paid the admission fee, or who is in arrears to the Society, or has not attended a meeting during a whole year next preceding the election.

6. Of the day, hour, and place of election, notice shall be given by the librarian at least one week before the day of election, in such one or more of the public newspapers of the State of Pennsylvania, as the Society shall direct.

7. Before opening the election, the company that shall be met at half an hour after two, shall appoint three members of the Society as judges of the election, and also two clerks or secretaries for taking down the names of the voters.

8. In case of an equality of votes for the candidates for any office, the decision shall be by lot, to be drawn by one of the judges.

### CHAPTER III.

#### OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS.

SECTION 1. The president shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, regulate the debates, state and put questions agreeably to the sense and intention of the members, and announce the determination of the Society thereupon.

2. In the absence of the president from a meeting, his duties shall devolve upon the vice-presidents in rotation; or, at his request when present, his duties may be performed by either of the vice-presidents.

3. If the president and vice-presidents be absent, the members met shall appoint one of their number to take the chair for the time.

4. At some time, within the year, the president shall deliver to the Society a discourse on some literary or scientific subject, accompanied by such suggestions, with regard to the affairs of the Society, as he shall judge proper.

## CHAPTER IV.

## OF THE SECRETARIES.

SECTION 1. The secretaries shall minute the proceedings of the Society at the meetings, read all papers which are required to be read at the meetings, and preserve, in regular files, all documents presented to the Society. They shall give notice to members of their election, acknowledge in writing the reception of all communications, and generally conduct the correspondence.

2. Two of them, at least, shall officiate at every meeting; and unless a different arrangement shall be made and announced by them at the beginning of the year, the first and third named on the list of secretaries shall be considered responsible for the performance of all the duties of the office during the first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth, and eleventh months of the year, and in like manner the second and fourth named on the list, during the alternate months.

## CHAPTER V.

## OF THE CURATORS.

SECTION 1. The curators shall have charge of the cabinet of the Society, and shall be responsible for its preservation and security. They shall classify and arrange the articles therein, and shall preserve an exact list of them, with the names of the donors.

2. One of them, at least, shall be in attendance as curator at every meeting; and, unless a different arrangement shall be made and announced by them at the beginning of the year, they shall be considered severally responsible, in monthly rotation, for the performance of all the duties of the office.

## CHAPTER VI.

## OF THE TREASURER.

SECTION 1. The treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys belonging to the Society, or entrusted to its care, unless other-

wise specially directed ; and he shall disburse or apply the same upon the orders or according to the appropriations made by the Society, which orders and appropriations shall be duly certified to him by the presiding officer and secretary for the time.

2. He shall keep regular accounts ; and on the first Friday of December in every year, and as much oftener as may be required, he shall present to the Society a full report on the state of its funds.

3. He shall preserve, for the use of the Society at elections and meetings, a catalogue of all the members, designating thereon as a distinct class those who have paid the admission fee and the annual contributions, and noting opposite to their names the several meetings at which they have attended during the year.

4. On the expiration of his office he shall deliver up to his successor the books, papers, vouchers of property, and moneys remaining in his hands.

5. To secure the faithful execution of all his trusts, he shall, before he enters upon his office, give bond and security to the Society in such amount as the committee of finance shall judge proper ; which bond shall, without renewal, apply to the several years for which he may be reëlected treasurer.

6. He shall, as full compensation for his services, receive five per cent on the amount of the annual income of the Society collected by him.

## CHAPTER VII.

### OF THE OFFICERS AND COUNCIL.

SECTION 1. The officers and council shall meet together statedly on the second Friday of February, May and November respectively, at the same hour in the evening at which the stated meetings of the Society are appointed to be held ; and specially at such times as they may judge proper.

2. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, to

be laid before the Society at its stated meetings, on the third Friday of the same months respectively.

3. They shall, from time to time, lay before the Society such measures as in their judgment will conduce to the well-governing and ordering of the affairs of the Society, or promote the objects of its institution; particularly, they shall recommend subjects for premiums to be offered by the Society, with the conditions on which they shall be awarded.

4. They shall also, from time to time, nominate to the Society as candidates for membership, such persons of our own or of foreign countries, as may in their judgment merit such a distinction. Such nomination shall, as nearly as may be practicable, be agreed to by them in the manner pointed out by law for the election of members, except that no previous notice of any intended proposal to them for their nomination shall be required; and the names of all persons duly nominated by them shall be certified to the Society by a minute thereof, made in writing and attested by their clerk.

5. To them shall be submitted all communications from candidates for premiums, whether the Magellanic or those offered by the Society, all of which shall be immediately referred to the standing committee on premiums. Reports on such communications shall be made without unnecessary delay.

6. They shall annually appoint a standing committee of seven members, to be called the committee on premiums, of which three members shall be a quorum. It shall be the duty of this committee to publish the terms on which the Magellanic and other premiums are to be granted by the Society, to consider and report upon all communications from candidates for premiums, and to recommend to the officers and council subjects for which new premiums shall be offered by the Society.

7. The president and senior secretary of the Society shall be, *ex officio*, the president and clerk at their meetings; and three of their number shall be a quorum.

8. The ex-presidents of the Society shall be members of the board of officers and council.



## CHAPTER VIII.

## OF THE LIBRARIAN.

SECTION 1. A member of the Society shall be chosen at the stated meeting on the third Friday of January in each year, to be the librarian of the Society. Nominations for said office shall be made at the first stated meeting in January, and no person shall be voted for who has not been so nominated.

2. The librarian shall have, under the direction of the proper standing committees, the custody and care of the hall, and of the books and papers belonging to the Society, which he shall dispose and arrange in such manner as shall be judged most convenient, and shall keep an arranged catalogue of them, with the names of the donors. He shall assist the curators in their charge of the cabinet.

3. He shall attend at the library at every meeting of the Society, and daily, excepting Sundays, from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M., except when allowed leave of absence by the presiding officer of the Society, and shall then, and at such other times as he may think proper, lend out to any resident member of the Society, who is not indebted to him for fines or forfeitures, any books belonging to the library, except the last volumes and loose numbers of periodical journals, and except recent donations made to the Society, which shall not be lent out; taking from each member borrowing a book an obligation, with a sufficient penalty, to return the same uninjured, within one month thereafter, subject to a fine of fifty cents at every stated meeting that shall occur after the limited period before he returns the book, and a forfeiture of double the value of the book, or of the set of which it is one, if not returned in six months after being borrowed.

4. He shall levy and collect these fines and forfeitures, and pay over the moneys thence arising to the treasurer, at the end of his official year, in aid of the appropriation for the library.

5. He shall give notice of the meetings of the Society and of the officers and council, and of all elections, and shall make all such publications on behalf of the Society as are not otherwise devolved by law or special order.

6. He shall, at the beginning of each year, cause tables to be prepared for the use of the members, on which shall be noted the days for the meetings of the Society and of the officers and council, the stated business to be transacted thereat, and the names of the officiating secretaries and curator.

7. He shall transcribe carefully and correctly the minutes of the Society, as made by the officiating secretaries. He shall acknowledge the reception of all donations made to the Society, and transmit copies of its Transactions and Proceedings as directed, and shall from time to time perform such other executive or ministerial duties as may be charged on him by vote of the Society, given according to the laws.

8. He shall, under the direction of the secretaries, act as reporter of the proceedings of the Society, and shall cause such abstract of them to be published for the use of the members, and for distribution to correspondents, as the secretaries may deem expedient or proper, or as the Society may direct; but no expense shall be incurred, nor any contracts made for printing or publishing the same, beyond the sum appropriated by the Society for such purposes.

9. He shall receive an annual salary of seven hundred dollars, to be paid monthly from the treasury of the Society, and his services shall commence on the first Monday after his election.

## CHAPTER IX.

### OF THE MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. The ordinary meetings of the Society shall be on the first and third Fridays of every month from September to June, at eight o'clock in the evening. Special meetings may be called at any time by order of the president; or, in his absence, by order of a vice-president. And it shall not be

lawful to take up, consider or transact at such special meeting any business other than that which is specified in the call and the notice for the meeting. And no business shall be taken up, considered or transacted at such special meeting, except by such number of qualified voters as would be requisite for a quorum according to the laws and regulations of the Society.

2. The chair shall be taken by the presiding member at the time appointed for the meeting.

3. The qualified voters present at any stated or special meeting shall be a quorum, and be competent to elect members, dispose of property, appropriate money, and award premiums; but no property shall be alienated or encumbered, except by the vote of three-fourths of the qualified voters present, and given at two successive stated meetings. For the transaction of the ordinary business, the reception and reference of communications on literary, scientific, or other subjects, all other members present shall be deemed competent to act, and, in the absence of qualified voters, shall form a quorum.

4. Those members shall be considered qualified voters at the meetings, who have subscribed the laws and paid the admission fee, and who are not in arrears to the Society.

5. No meeting shall be continued after eleven o'clock; nor shall any new matter be introduced after ten, unless in the transaction of business enjoined by the laws.

6. The hall of the Society shall be open at half-past seven o'clock on every Friday evening when a stated meeting of the Society is to be held.

## CHAPTER X.

### OF THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. Every communication to the Society which may be considered as intended for a place in the Transactions, shall immediately be referred to a committee to consider and report thereon.

2. If the committee shall report in favor of publishing the

communication, they shall make such corrections therein as they may judge necessary to fit it for the press; or if they shall judge the publication of an abstract or extracts from the paper to be more eligible, they shall accompany their report with such abstract or extracts. But if the author do not approve of the corrections, abstract, or extracts, reported by the committee, he shall be at liberty to withdraw his paper.

3. Communications not intended by their authors for publication in the Transactions, will be received by the Society, and the title or subject of them recorded; and, if they be in writing, they shall be filed by the secretaries.

4. The Transactions shall be published in numbers, at as short intervals as practicable, under the direction of the committee of publication, and in such a form as the Society shall from time to time direct; and every communication ordered to be published in the Transactions shall be immediately sent to the printer, and fifty copies thereof be given to the author as soon as printed.

5. The order in which papers are read shall determine their places in the Transactions, unless otherwise ordered by the Society; priority of date giving priority of location.

6. The expenses of publishing the Transactions shall be defrayed by subscriptions and sales, aided by such funds as the Society shall from time to time appropriate for that purpose.

## CHAPTER XI.

### OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. There shall be chosen, at the stated meeting on the third Friday of January in each year, three members of the Society to be a committee of finance, five to be a committee of publication, three to be a committee on the hall, and five to be a committee on the library.

2. The committee of finance shall have the general superintendence of the financial concerns of the Society. They shall consult with the treasurer, and authorize and direct in-

vestments of its surplus funds. They shall always have access to his books, accounts, and vouchers ; and they shall annually, on the third Friday of December, make a full report on the state of the treasury, particularly distinguishing the several funds, and the income and disbursements of each, and recommending the amounts which should be appropriated for different objects of expenditure during the ensuing year. They shall also have power to remit the fees and contributions of members, when they shall judge that circumstances make it proper.

3. The committee of publication shall superintend the printing and distribution of the Society's Transactions. They shall make all contracts for the same in the name of the Society, but shall have no power to incur any debt, beyond the amount appropriated by the Society for said publication, or derived from subscriptions. They shall audit and certify all bills for expenses attending the publication to the treasurer for payment, fix the price of the different numbers, and receive subscriptions. They shall furnish the treasurer, immediately after the publication of any number of the Transactions, with a list of the subscribers, and the sum due from each, to enable him to collect the amount thereof, and shall annually, on the first Friday of December, make a full report of their doings to the Society. They shall have power to call on the librarian for his assistance in the performance of their duties.

4: The committee on the hall shall have charge of the real estate of the Society, and shall direct all necessary repairs. They shall effect insurance upon the property of the Society in such amounts as may from time to time be directed.

5. The committee on the library shall confer with and assist the librarian in the disbursement of the annual appropriations for the library, and in the disposition and arrangement of the books, charts, and documents belonging to the Society.

6. No committee appointed on any subject of deliberation shall consist of less than three members ; but any other matter

may be committed to a single member. A majority of any committee shall be a quorum.

7. All committees shall be chosen, unless otherwise directed by the Society, on nominations previously made and seconded, the question being put on each member separately.

8. The member first elected of any committee shall be the chairman, and considered responsible for the discharge of the duties enjoined on the committee.

9. Committees shall report at the meeting next following their appointment, unless otherwise ordered by the Society.

10. All reports shall be in writing, and signed by the members agreeing thereto.

11. The names of the committees, the time of their appointment, the matter or business committed to them, the time at which they are to report, and the time at which their final report is presented, shall be entered by the secretaries in a book provided for that purpose.

## CHAPTER XII.

### OF THE MAGELLANIC FUND.

SECTION 1. John Hyacinth de Magellan, in London, having in the year 1786 offered to the Society, as a donation, the sum of two hundred guineas, to be by them vested in a secure and permanent fund, to the end that the interest arising therefrom should be annually disposed of in premiums, to be adjudged by them to the author of the best discovery, or most useful invention, relating to Navigation, Astronomy, or Natural Philosophy (mere natural history only excepted), and the Society having accepted of the above donation, they hereby publish the conditions, prescribed by the donor and agreed to by the Society, upon which the said annual premiums will be awarded.

### CONDITIONS OF THE MAGELLANIC PREMIUM.

1. The candidate shall send his discovery, invention, or improvement, addressed to the president, or one of the vice-presi-

dents of the Society, free of postage or other charges; and shall distinguish his performance by some motto, device, or other signature, at his pleasure. Together with his discovery, invention, or improvement, he shall also send a sealed letter containing the same motto, device or signature, and subscribed with the real name and place of residence of the author.

2. Persons of any nation, sect, or denomination whatever shall be admitted as candidates for this premium.

3. No discovery, invention, or improvement shall be entitled to this premium which hath been already published, or for which the author hath been publicly rewarded elsewhere.

4. The candidate shall communicate his discovery, invention, or improvement either in the English, French, German, or Latin language.

5. All such communications shall be publicly read or exhibited to the Society at some stated meeting, not less than one month previous to the day of adjudication, and shall at all times be open to the inspection of such members as shall desire it. But no member shall carry home with him the communication, description, or model, except the officer to whom it shall be entrusted; nor shall such officer part with the same out of his custody, without a special order of the Society for that purpose.

6. The Society, having previously referred the several communications from candidates for the premium then depending to the consideration of the twelve councilors and other officers of the Society, and having received their report thereon, shall, at one of their stated meetings in the month of December, annually, after the expiration of this current year (of the time and place, together with the particular occasion of which meeting, due notice shall be previously given, by public advertisement) proceed to final adjudication of the said premium; and, after due consideration had, a vote shall first be taken on this question, viz.: Whether any of the communications then under inspection be worthy of the proposed premium? If this question be determined in the negative, the whole business shall be deferred till another year; but if in the affirma-

tive, the Society shall proceed to determine by ballot, given by the members at large, the discovery, invention, or improvement most useful and worthy; and that discovery, invention, or improvement which shall be found to have a majority of concurring votes in its favor shall be successful; and then, and not till then, the sealed letter accompanying the crowned performance shall be opened, and the name of the author announced as the person entitled to the said premium.

7. No member of the Society who is a candidate for the premium then depending, or who hath not previously declared to the Society that he has considered and weighed according to the best of his judgment, the comparative merits of the several claims then under consideration, shall sit in judgment, or give his vote in awarding the said premium.

8. A full account of the crowned subject shall be published by the Society as soon as may be after the adjudication, either in a separate publication, or in the next succeeding volume of their Transactions, or in both.

9. The unsuccessful performances shall remain under consideration, and their authors be considered as candidates for the premium for five years next succeeding the time of their presentment; except such performances as their authors may, in the meantime, think fit to withdraw. And the Society shall annually publish an abstract of the titles, object, or subject-matter of the communications, so under consideration; such only excepted as the Society shall think not worthy of public notice.

10. The letters containing the names of authors whose performances shall be rejected, or which shall be found unsuccessful after a trial of five years, shall be burnt before the Society without breaking the seals.

11. In case there should be a failure, in any year, of any communication worthy of the proposed premium, there will then be two premiums to be awarded the next year. But no accumulation of premiums shall entitle the author to more than one premium for any one discovery, invention, or improvement.



12. The premium shall consist of an oval plate of solid standard gold, of the value of ten guineas. On one side thereof shall be neatly engraved a short Latin motto suited to the occasion, together with the words: "The Premium of John Hyacinth de Magellan, of London, established in the year 1786;" and on the other side of the plate shall be engraved these words: "Awarded by the A. P. S. for the discovery of ———, A. D. ———." And the seal of the Society shall be annexed to the medal by a ribbon passing through a small hole at the lower edge thereof.

SECTION 2. The Magellanic fund of two hundred guineas shall be considered as ten hundred and fifty dollars, and shall be invested separately from other funds belonging to or under the care of the Society, and a separate and distinct account of it shall be kept by the treasurer.

The said fund shall be credited with the sum of one hundred dollars, to represent the two premiums for which the Society is now liable.

The treasurer shall credit the said fund with the interest received on the investment thereof, and, if any surplus of said interest shall remain after providing for the premiums which may then be demandable, said surplus shall be used by the Society for making publication of the terms of the said premium, and for such purposes as may be authorized by its charter and laws.

The treasurer shall, at the first stated meeting of the Society in the month of December annually, make a report of the state of said fund and of the investment thereof.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### OF THE HENRY M. PHILLIPS' PRIZE ESSAY FUND.

Miss Emily Phillips, of Philadelphia, a sister of Hon. Henry M. Phillips, deceased, presented to the American Philosophical Society, held at Philadelphia for Promoting Useful Knowledge, on October 5, 1888, the sum of five thousand dollars for

the establishment and endowment of a Prize Fund, in memory of her deceased brother, who was an honored member of the Society. The Society, at a stated meeting, held October 5, 1888, accepted the gift and agreed to make suitable rules and regulations to carry out the wishes of the donor, and to discharge the duties confided to it. In furtherance whereof, the following rules and regulations were adopted by the Society at a stated meeting held on the seventh day of December, A.D. 1888 :

*First.* The Prize Endowment Fund shall be called the "Henry M. Phillips' Prize Essay Fund."

*Second.* The money constituting the Endowment Fund, viz., five thousand dollars, shall be invested by the Society in such securities as may be recognized by the laws of Pennsylvania, as proper for the investment of trust funds, and the evidences of such investment shall be made in the name of the Society as trustee of the Henry M. Phillips' Prize Essay Fund.

*Third.* The income arising from such investment shall be appropriated as follows :

(a) To making public advertisement of the prize and the sum or amount in United States gold coin, and the terms on which it shall be awarded.

(b) To the payment of such prize or prizes as may from time to time be awarded by the Society for the best essay of real merit on the Science and Philosophy of Jurisprudence, and to the preparation of the certificate to be granted to the author of any successful essay.

*Fourth.* Competitors for the prize shall affix to their essays some motto or name (not the proper name of the author, however), and when the essay is forwarded to the Society, it shall be accompanied by a sealed envelope containing within the proper name of the author, and, on the outside thereof, the motto or name adopted for the essay.

*Fifth.* At a stated meeting of the Society, in pursuance of the advertisement, all essays received up to that time, shall be referred to a Committee of Judges, to consist of five persons, who shall be selected by the Society from nomination of ten

persons made by the Standing Committee on the Henry M. Phillips' Prize Essay Fund.

*Sixth.* All amounts of interest accruing and unexpended on each and every occasion on which no prize shall be awarded, shall be considered and taken as accretions to the principal of the said fund.

*Seventh.* All essays may be written in English, French, Dutch, German, Italian, Spanish, or Latin; but, if in any language except English, must be accompanied by an English translation of the same.

*Eighth.* No treatise or essay shall be entitled to compete for the prize that has been already published or printed, or for which the author has received already any prize, or profit, or honor, of any nature whatsoever.

*Ninth.* All essays must be clearly and legibly written on only one side of the paper.

*Tenth.* The literary property of such essays shall be in their authors, subject to the right of the Society to publish the crowned essays in its Transactions or Proceedings.

*Eleventh.* A Standing Committee, to consist of five members appointed by the president, and, *ex officio*, the president and the treasurer of the Society, shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Society, and any vacancies that may occur in said committee shall be filled by new appointment by the president.

*Twelfth.* The said committee shall have charge of all matters connected with the management of this endowment and the investment of the same, and shall make such general rules for publishing the terms upon which said prize shall be competed for, and the amount of the said prize, and, if it shall deem it expedient, designate the subjects for competing essays. It shall report annually to the Society, on the first Friday in December, all its transactions, with an account of the investment of the Prize Fund, and of the income and expenditures thereof.

## CHAPTER XIV.

## OF THE LAWS OF THE SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. No statute, law, regulation, or ordinance shall ever be made or passed by the Society, or be binding upon the members thereof, or any of them, unless the same hath been duly proposed and fairly drawn up in writing, at one stated meeting of the Society, and enacted or passed at a subsequent meeting, at least the space of fourteen days after the former meeting, and upon due notice in some of the public newspapers, that the enacting of statutes and laws, or the making and passing ordinances and regulations, will be part of the business of such meeting.

2. Nor shall any statute, law, regulation, or ordinance be then, or at any time, enacted or passed, unless thirteen members of the Society be present in addition to the quorum of the officers and council; nor unless the same be voted by two-thirds of the whole body present.

3. The laws contained in the fourteen foregoing chapters, shall be in force from and after the time of their adoption by the Society; and thereafter all other laws, regulations and ordinances heretofore passed or made by the Society shall be and the same are hereby repealed.